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Venezuela: draft resolution

Assistance to Venezuela following the devastating floods and landslides

The General Assembly,

Deeply concerned at the loss of human lives and the unprecedented destruction of property and infrastructure caused in recent days by the worst floods and landslides Venezuela has ever suffered,

Recognizing that natural disasters constitute a major problem for development whose solution requires considerable resources and calls for efforts at the national level to be supplemented by international financial and technical assistance,

Recognizing also the large-scale relief and emergency assistance efforts being made by the Government and people of Venezuela in order to alleviate the sufferings of the disaster victims,

Aware that to mitigate and prevent the consequences of this disaster, international emergency assistance is required,

Taking note of the appeal by the Secretary-General to the international community for aid and assistance to Venezuela in dealing with the effects of the floods and landslides,

Taking note also of the appeal to the international community by the Government of Venezuela to provide emergency humanitarian aid, and of the need for assistance in rehabilitation and reconstruction of the areas affected by the disastrous floods and landslides,

1. *Expresses its solidarity*, at this difficult time, with the Government and people of Venezuela in their efforts to cope with the serious humanitarian and material consequences of the disaster;

2. *Appeals* to all Member States, the specialized agencies and other organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, as well as to international financing institutions

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and non-governmental organizations, to respond urgently and provide generous assistance to Venezuela in its relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction efforts and programmes following the unprecedented calamity it has suffered;

3. *Expresses its gratitude* to the Member States, international and non-governmental organizations and private individuals and groups that are with such great generosity providing assistance to the Government of Venezuela in the initial immediate relief work;

4. *Expresses its deep gratitude* to the Secretary-General for the urgent steps he has taken to mobilize emergency humanitarian assistance;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to make all necessary arrangements to continue mobilizing and coordinating humanitarian assistance from the specialized agencies and other organizations and bodies of the United Nations system with a view to supporting the efforts of the Government of Venezuela.